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OFFICIAL PAPER OF COCHISE COUNTY

The facts as to the blackmailing of a prominent business man of this city, by the manager of the Prospector, are substantially as printed in last week's EPITAPH. The attention of the grand jury, which assembles in this city one week from Monday, is called to the matter. The crime is one of the most despicable ones on the calendar, and is too frequently practiced in a mining camp, where a sale of property can hardly take place without an attempt on the part of some unprincipled scoundrel to extort money from the buyer or seller. Rarely has there been such a plain case of extortion made as the one in question, and it behooves the Court to set the seal of its condemnation upon it. Let one blackmail be sent to the penitentiary and the practice would become decidedly unpopular in the future. It may be urged that Jimmy Nash is a young man, and did not understand the heinousness of the crime he was committing, but it is hardly do in his case to plead the baby act. As editor of a newspaper in this city for years, he occupied a position which gave him great opportunities to go to or from evil. He chose the latter course, and should be willing to abide by the result. It is understood that Judge Swain, counsel for the accused, asserts that Nash was drunk when he made the threats to publish the scandal, in case he was not paid \$100 to keep quiet, but neither will this theory wash; for Nash never gets drunk. It is true he is what is called a "soaker," his system being constantly saturated with alcohol, but he keeps on his feet, and has no brain worth mentioning to be affected. This fact may be pleaded in extenuation of the offense, and we cannot gainsay it. But the truth remains that a crime has been committed, and it is the grand jury's duty to investigate. By applying at this office they can get the names of half a dozen reputable witnesses who will substantiate the charge. The position the EPITAPH occupies in the matter is similar to that of a decent attorney when an unprincipled member of the legal profession commits an unworthy act. We desire to see the perpetrator punished in order to purge the profession of journalism of its disreputable members. We have no personal malice in the matter, nor any desire to "down the Prospector," as has been asserted. We care nothing for the Nash opposition, and would prefer it to any other that could be mentioned, for no sooner will Nash go to Yuma, than other and more worthy competitors will take his place. As a matter of fact, the EPITAPH is acting against its own interests in urging this prosecution. Professional pride alone impels us to it.

That staid old journal, the American Agriculturalist, announces a beef famine as imminent, and places the date of the great scarcity as next year, or 1889, the latest. The Breeder's Gazette, a most reliable publication, also predicts a beef shortage. When such papers as these mentioned take such a pronounced stand in predicting higher prices, consequent upon reduced supply, is it then out of place for the western journals far from the markets, to howl a little in joy at the coming change of affairs. Sure a fate there will be a change for the better next year.

The communication of A. G. Kimball, on the Indian question, which is published elsewhere, is well worth a careful perusal. It presents a truthful statement of the condition of affairs as they existed at the time General Miles took command of the Department of Arizona. Now, thanks to him, peace reigns throughout the entire Territory. The magnificent sword to be presented the General in Tucson next Tuesday reflects but a small portion of the esteem in which he is held by the people of Arizona, who feel themselves under lasting obligations to him.

A bold scheme of engineering, says the Railway Age, is that of tunneling the Rocky Mountains under one of their highest peaks, for a distance of 25,000 feet, or nearly five miles. It is claimed that this work, if it is accomplished, would shorten the distance between Denver and Salt Lake City at least nearly three hundred miles, and it is asserted that considerable capital has been raised in England for the undertaking.

As bearing on the question of what the produce of a single cow might be in a period of ten years, Mr. W. F. Wiley, of Iowa, presents the Breeder's Gazette with a carefully-kept record of what a cow actually did for him. In the years 1876 to 1887 inclusive, beginning as a two-year-old, she produced nine calves—five bulls and four heifers—and her total offspring was 59 head, or 31 heifers and 28 bulls. The original cow and all her female descendants are yet living.

H. G. Temple, whom Geo. H. Tinker left in charge of the Flagstaff Champion during his absence, shipped out a few days ago, before the latter's return from the East, a king with him some \$400 or \$500 of Mr. Tinker's funds.—Journal-Miner.

Challengers: where did an Arizona newspaper man get four or five hundred dollars?

AN OPEN REPLY.

RAVENSBURG P. O., Colo., Oct. 25.
EDITOR EPITAPH:—I am about to leave this cold, inhospitable country, and I desire some information about Arizona in general and Cochise county in particular. By replying to the following questions you will confer a favor upon many who contemplate moving to your Territory:

1. Is there good vacant Government land, and water for irrigating the same?
2. How is drinking water?
3. Is it a good stock country?
4. Can a poor man get water on his land?
5. Is there work for men and teams?
6. What wages are paid?
7. How about the climate and health?

Yours Truly,
J. F. HERRICK.

REPLY.

1. There is much good Government land, subject to entry under the desert, pre-emption and homestead laws, though water as a general thing is scarce. There is only one running stream of any size in Cochise county (the San Pedro river), and land along that is very generally taken up, either by grants, fraudulent and otherwise, and by actual settlers. The Sulphur Spring Valley contains an immense underground flow a few feet from the surface and much good unoccupied land can there be located, and doubtless cultivated, but the experiment has never been tried to any extent. It is now used for grazing, and has been fed for tens of thousands of cattle.

2. Drinking water generally is excellent.

3. It is the best breeding country for stock to be found under the sun.

4. Locators under the canals on the Gila and Salt rivers are compelled to pay from \$600 to \$1,000 for water rights sufficient to irrigate 160 acres, and pay for the water in addition at the rate of about \$1 per acre yearly. In this county, by utilizing the surplus water which falls during the rainy season, and storing the same, a large amount of land can be brought under cultivation much cheaper. The land is a loose rich loam, generally free from alkali, and produces wonderful crops.

5. There is work for everybody, and wages are in proportion.

6. Miners get \$3 per day, and other wages are in proportion.

7. The thermometer ranges from 100 in summer to 30 degrees above zero in winter, and with the exception of a few places along the San Pedro, where there is some malaria, it is as healthy a country as was ever known.

HOW MUCH STOCK DID YOU GET FOR THIS?

The EPITAPH is still harping on the Tortilla mines, and parades its gross ignorance of those valuable properties by condemning them. At the same time it says, "the EPITAPH has never knowingly represented a mining property in other than its true light," which hypocritical affectation is decidedly amusing to its readers. The Tortilla mines are producing bullion in paying quantities, and have paid their own way for the past several years. There are but few mining properties in Cochise County that have a good record. Our faith in these mines is not to be shaken by such random assertions as the EPITAPH utters, and until some better reasons are advanced for their condemnation than the base prejudices underlying the present malicious attacks, we will give these mines the full and impartial credit their merits as bullion producers warrant.—Florence Enterprise.

HEREFO DS IN ARIZONA.

We notice the arrival of two carloads of thoroughbred Hereford bulls at Wilcox for H. C. Hooker of Wilcox. We are enabled to give fuller particulars in reference to the shipment.

These bulls are forty-three in number and are all entered in the American Hereford record, which is a guarantee of purity of breeding. They are furnished by the T. C. Miller Co., of Becher, Ill., the oldest Hereford breeders in America, a firm that has done more to bring the Herefords into prominence than any other in America or England. The English breeders in England a few years since took occasion, when Mr. Miller was on a visit to Herefordshire, to tender him a public reception in acknowledgment of his services in bringing the Herefords so prominently and successfully before the American people.

They further testified their appreciation of his services by presenting him a herd of Hereford heifers.

Mr. H. C. Hooker met Mr. Miller a year ago and discussed the merits of the herds for ranch purposes, and especially the advantage of using the thoroughbreds, rather than the grade Hereford bulls.

Mr. Hooker having used the grade Hereford bulls for several years, has now after a careful investigation of their merits, concluded to adopt the thoroughbred Hereford for use in his herd, for the future. This shipment is the first move in this direction, and will be followed by others until all bulls of other herds and their grades will be displaced by the thoroughbred Herefords.

It is well to notice somewhat Mr. Hooker's practice in the breeding and establishing this herd, which is recognized by all as the equal if not the superior of any other range herd in Arizona. He has used only bulls of high merit from the start, and the result has been that that portion of the herd that has been bred by himself will compare favorably

with that of good bullock business in the States.

He is now prepared to start from a high standard with these thoroughbred Herefords, from the use of which he hopes and expects to bring out steers that will mature early and of such weight and quality at the age of two years as will command the top price of the best markets in America.

His range is one of the best in Arizona; it is well watered and handsomely divided between the open prairie, foot hills, and mountain range, giving that variety of food and protection that secures the best results in the breeding or raising of beef bullocks.—Tucson Star.

An Albuquerque dispatch says: News has been received here of the killing of William Bonner, a cowboy who belonged to the Graham faction in Tonto Basin, A. T. When the body was discovered it was covered with sagebrush. From the appearance of the body, it is evident that he was ambushed and killed, probably by members of the Tewksbury gang as he belonged to the Graham faction. With Bonner's death ends a list of twenty men who have been shot and killed in that neighborhood in the past two months.

It is stated on good authority that Bonner was the party who recently held up the stage between Ft. Apache and St. Johns, securing quite a sum of money. He is said to be one of the parties who robbed the Atlantic and Pacific train at Navajo station a short time ago. He has participated in all manner of crime that have stained the annals of Arizona, and there is no question that his death is a welcome one.

The murders which have occurred in Tonto Basin, and which from their bloody nature have started the civilized world, can be traced to a love affair in which a daughter of old man Bevens figured. From all accounts it seems that when the Bevens, Graham and the Tewksbury families settled in Tonto Basin, Miss Salie Bevens, who had in years gone by learned to love William Graham, but had not seen him since childhood, on again meeting him renewed the affection. This did not meet with recognition from her parents, but she persistently defied them and would see her lover. From her persistence in casting father, mother, brothers, sisters, and home aside, she was the instrument through which envy and hatred arose, and from which at least twenty men have died violent deaths. The gangs have all nearly been killed off by sheriff's posse or at the hands of each other, and with this latest death it is hoped Tonto Basin, which is a good grazing country, but the numerous murders in which have retarded immigration to Arizona, will soon be settled with good men.

During the absence of R. V. G. L. Pearson and wife, the ladies of the Methodist Church propose to put the parsonage in repair and a complete state of good order. To raise funds for this, they will give within the next two weeks the entertainment called the "Dairy Maids' Convention." Nineteen charming young ladies will participate, and do all in their power to make it a success. There is no doubt but that this will be an attractive and interesting entertainment. Due notice will be given of time and place.

Mining matters are prospering in Bisbee as they are in Tombstone. Good miners are wanted and hard to get. The report that the Queen Company had bought the Prince is without foundation. Two furnaces are in full blast on Queen ore; coke is coming in by the hundreds of tons and copper bullion is going out. Every thing is running like clockwork and the camp is prosperous.

Abbott, the confidence man who got money from Mary Luck on the pretense of having discovered caves of gold and silver in Mexico, and served a term in the county jail for the offense, is coming to the city. He left Thursday for San Francisco, and was driven to the railroad by private conveyance in fine style. Abbott is a smooth operator.

The Supreme Court of the United States has denied the writ of error in the case of the Chicago anarchists. The decision was announced by Chief Justice Waite in a long and careful prepared opinion which occupied thirty minutes in reading.

Flagstaff, Arizona, has struck a great piece of luck. An inexhaustible supply of pure water was discovered on a peak two thousand feet above the city, while running a tunnel.

The regular monthly meeting of the Ladies Aid Society of the M. E. Church will be held Thursday next at 2 p. m., at the residence of Mrs. E. A. Shattuck, on 5th street.

Heart Disease.

Read the hospital reports, read the mortuary reports, read the medical publications, read the daily newspapers, and learn how wide spread is heart disease, how difficult of detection it is to most people, how many and how sudden are the deaths it causes. Then read Dr. Flint's Treatise on Heart Disease, and learn what it is, what causes it, what disease it gives rise to, what its symptoms are, and how it may be attacked. If you find you have heart disease, ask your druggist for a bottle of Dr. Flint's Heart Remedy. The treatise may be had on application to J. J. Mack & Co., Nos. 9 and 11 Front Street, S. F.

THE HORSE'S AGE.

(Phenix Herald.)

To know the age of any horse,
First view his lower jaw, of course;
His six front teeth the age will tell,
By rules I give, to learn them well.

When colt can count six weeks but two,
Two middle teeth will be in view;
And when he shall be eight weeks old,
Four front teeth you then behold.

And when eight months are gone and past,
The end teeth come—there's six at last.
In one year, from the middle two,
The outside grooves are lost to view.

And in two years, from second pair,
The outside grooves will disappear;
The same fate makes the end teeth bare,
When colt has counted his third year.

At two, the middle pair drop out;
At three, pair second's "up the spout";
At four, the corner teeth are gone;
At five, a full new set is shown.

The dark spots from the middle two,
At six years disappear from view;
At seven, the second pair are white;
Eleven finds the end quite bright.

And as your horse grows old in years,
His canines, teeth three cornered wears;
And then grow long, stick out before,
Like a saint's jaws or Pagan's glare.

It is for you, my granger friend,
These verses read that I have penned;
And when a horse is a year or sell;
Just give your teeth a look and well.

J. H. WHARTON.

Phenix, Oct. 11, 1887.

AN ARIZONA PICNIC.

EDITOR EPITAPH:—I here must certainly be something fascinating to Tombstone people in Cochise Stronghold, two men in a month testifying to that. And it cannot be wondered at by one who has seen the grandeur of that beautiful place. It is incomparable, and having been seen once must be seen again and again. Seven o'clock Monday morning I saw seven carriage loads leave the city, and take the long road over the mesa that leads to the Dragoons. The lovely camping spot under the shadow of the great granite rocks was reached about half past ten. There was no dearth of a good time or lack of all the comforts for the inner man and woman. Was there ever such fried chicken—fried right there by three gentlemen cooks, who needed no help and no advice from the ladies as to just how hot the lard should be or how long that chicken should be over the fire. The Colonel preferred broiled chicken, and soon had a great bed of coals over which his rosy face bent as he watched and turned that tender fowl. The Jolly One was there, whose jokes and quips kept time to the sputtering of the frying. The Man of Sense furnished an equilibrium for him, and the Maiden was not absent from the picture. There was small need of the romantic, but the Dismayed stood there watching and waiting for that coffee to boil, while the fire smok'd so badly that she feared it never would be done in time to go with the chicken. The Prince of Hosts turned chicken with a great trident, and flung a towel around in real waiter style. The Maiden waited smilingly and ate potato chips and olives, with an occasional bite at a wing, and the Charming Hostess made it charming for all. The Lady who made the Caramel Cake was praised by all, and made one of the chief factors of the day's enjoyment. A family of charming Eastern people, who were kind enough to admire and praise everything, even it were in Arizona, accompanied the Tombstone picnicers, and added greatly to the pleasure of the occasion. The attempts to disguise one's voice so that a blindfolded friend should not be able to guess who it was, were comical, and were enjoyed immensely, especially by the Tease. The Unmoved lay upon the grass and gazed up in the antics of the others with a blind smile, thus calmly endorsing all that the others did, even to the adjectives and attributes, both good and bad, applied to the "Minister's Cat." The Active, a curate one looked with contempt upon such simple games, and wandered off to a game of ball with the Three Little Maidens of the party, who were a model of good behavior all the day long. But it would grow late, and with that and a horse which would go lame in spite of all the careful driving of the Unmoved the Prince of Hosts turned the party homeward about 4 p. m., and there never was a more glorious moon than that which lighted the merry crowd home, all of which is known to be true by

ONE OF 'EM.

New Store.

Paul Bahns is offering to the people of Tombstone and the county in general, some of the best bargains in groceries and liquors ever offered in this county. His stock is new fresh and desirable canned goods, wines, candles, in fact every thing sold in a first class grocery store is being sold by him at Fairbank prices.

S. P. Merritt assumed charge of the Phenix Gazette on Tuesday last, and J. O. no longer "wields the editorial tripod," as he would say.

THE WESTERN BOTTLE'S CHOSEN SPICIT.

With every advance of immigration into the West, a new demand is created for Hester's Stomach Bitters. Newly peopled regions are frequently less salubrious than older settled localities, on account of the miasmata which rise from recently cleared land, particularly along the banks of rivers that are subject to freshets. The agricultural or mining emigrant soon learns, when he does not already know, that the Bitters afford the only safe protection against malaria, and those disorders of the stomach, liver and bowels, to which climate changes, exposure, and unaccustomed or unhealthy water or diet subject him. Consequently he places an estimate upon this great household specific and preventive, commensurate with its intrinsic merit, and is careful to keep on hand a plentiful supply, and promoter of health so luxuriously to be relied upon in time of need.

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Marion Crawford's American Politician.
Marion Crawford's Zoroaster.
Marion Crawford's Tale of a Lonely Parish.Low Wallace's Fair God.
Low Wallace's Ben Hur.
Henry James' Princess Casanoviana.
Maude Howe's San Rosario Ranch.
Craddock's Prophet of the Great Smoky Mountains.
Craddock's In the Clouds.
Hammond's Lal.
Helen Campbell's Mrs. Herndon's Income.
Howard's One Summer.
Mrs. Ward's "Miss Brotherton."Helen Jackson's Zeph.
Robert Grant's Knave of Hearts.
Carey's For Lilies.
Mrs. Doherty's Lost Name.
Thompson's Love Extreme.Green's Hand and Ring.
Howe's Moonlight Boy.
Hardy's Wind of Destiny.
Rose Terry Cook's Sphinx Children.
McClelland's Oblivion.Jewett's Country.
Pendleton's Coventry.
Mary Fort's John Badewell's Testimony.
Hampton's One of the Duinas.
Keen's Trajan.S. O. Jewett's A Marsh Island.
Bayler's On Both Sides.
P. H. W. Way's Gleamings.
Sturges' Weymouth.Van Vort's Without a Compass.
Hay's Story of Margaret Kent.
Adrian's M. J. P. Law.
Wende's Raids Remains.
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Antor's Valentine.
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